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December 2002

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party, Monday, December 9, at Baker's Lakeside in Mosinee (next to the Pinewood). Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. Choice of baked cod, broiled chicken, or rib eye steak. RSVP by December 4 on Laurie's answering machine (715) 824-3196.

We need to know how many will attend and what they want to eat.

Check out our greatly expanded web site at <http://www.trdogtraining.com>.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting 11/11/02

(Thanks to Heather Varco for taking minutes!)

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Laurie Bandy, Heather Varco, Lorah Marquardt, Pat Rose (and Lexi and Asia), Kris Punke, Jen Thompson, Kendra Habeck, Kathy and Bud Schuh, Sue and Danny Fecht, Mary Ann Ralston, Kathe Carter, Cheryl Brimmer, Beth Knotts, VerJean Smith, Annie Wood, and Chris Gilbreath, and guests Carol Lang, Linda and Jared Redfield, Sandi Loomans, Lynn Ott, Heidi Sorensen, and Annie's friend Tiffany Moser.

President Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Rose moved and Bud Schuh seconded that we dispense with reading the minutes. Motion passed.

Laurie Bandy made an announcement about the agility trial held at Camp Bandy. She told members that there were many compliments from those entered in the trial as well as from Rhonda Crane and Diane Craig. Thank you to all who volunteered.

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$7216.86 in the checking account and \$5929.36 in the Savings account. She also paid the rent to Camp Bandy and Chuck for October, November, and December. She also donated \$75.00 to the Marathon County Humane Society for a spay and neuter donation. Lorah Marquardt moved and Bud Schuh seconded the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed

Committee Reports

AKC Obedience Trial on Feb. 1 and 2. We need someone to volunteer to be in charge of food for this trial. Also, Pat Rose agreed to make up baskets for the two judges.

UKC Agility and Obedience Trial in March. The UKC Obedience judges will not be staying overnight. We will only need accommodations for the agility trial judge.

Timber Ridge Classes. Kris Punke noted that she has 5 dogs in her beginning obedience class. No other class reports were given.

My sincere thanks to all the Timber Ridge members who worked their hearts out for our trial Nov. 9 and 10. It was a great success and, gads, who would have figured the jumps in the Open JWW class would be 4 inches too short? Diane Craig (AKC Rep there to measure dogs) said we needed that to keep our trial exciting; we did such a good job she had no other comments.

*My thanks again,
Ellen Hardin
Trial Chairperson*

Old Business

Mall Demo. Kris Punke looked into having mall demos at Cedar Creek, Wausau Mall and Stevens Point Mall. Cedar Creek decided that they do not want to have dogs in the mall since the demo would have to take place in the food court area. Stevens Point agreed to a mall demo at no cost. We could have our demo in the center area or a vacant store. There would be a \$1-2 charge for each table used. Wausau also agreed to a mall demo at no charge. They would include us in their advertising for \$100. We could use the center area but we would have to put mats down. There is also a vacant store that is carpeted that we could use. After much discussion, Mary Ann Ralston moved that we do a Mall Demo at Wausau Mall on Saturday, January 11, 2003. She also moved that we be included in the mall advertising for \$100.00 and keep the demo open to current members only due to insurance coverage. Kris Punke added that she would be willing to organize the volunteers for the Mall Demo. Bud Schuh seconded and the motion passed. It was added that we need many members to participate in order to make this Mall Demo a success.

The Mall Demo will take place Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 a.m. (when the mall opens) until 3:30 p.m. at the Wausau Mall. Please contact Kris Punke if you are interested in setting up a table or being part of the agility and/or obedience demonstrations. Kris will bring a sign in sheet to the Christmas party. For more information, email or call Kris at kpunke@msn.com or 715-539-1665. Kris is interested in knowing from those who organized previous mall demos how you set them up.

Christmas Party. The December meeting will take place on our regular meeting night. After the meeting, Bob Brzezinski reported that the restaurant Baker's Lakeside will open up on Monday, December 9, just for us! We will meet for cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Choices include baked cod for \$8.95, ¼ broiled chicken for \$6.45, ½ broiled chicken for \$7.95, 8 oz. rib eye steak for \$9.95, or 12 oz. rib eye steak for \$13.95. A 15% gratuity will be added. RSVP by Dec. 4 by leaving a message on Laurie's machine at (715) 824-3196. Please state how many are coming, and what each wants to eat. The restaurant is located at 1162 Half Moon Lake Drive.

Directions to Baker's Lakeside from the south: Take the Mosinee exit from I39, and follow Hwy 153 to downtown. At the light go straight on Main Street (rather than left) to Hwy KK. Turn right on KK. Drive about 1.5 miles to Baker's Lakeside Restaurant, with white and blue lights on the right.

Directions to Baker's Lakeside from the north: Take the Hwy. N exit from I39, and follow Hwy N to Hwy KK. Turn left on KK. Drive about 7 miles to Baker's Lakeside Restaurant, with white and blue lights on the left.

Timber Ridge Agility:

Thank you for having me as agility judge for your trials again this year. Admittedly, your members have made the assignment one of the most enjoyable and error-free that I have had. I particularly applaud everyone's willingness to help (whether it's at 6:30 in the morning or 5:30 at night). Special thanks for transportation, hospitality, fine dining, course building, ring crews and generous gifts! Jim and Sue (among others) provide the most important scoring services of all - their efforts alone make for a great weekend in terms of my responsibilities. I hope my "high marks" for your club bring you continued success and fine judges. Thanks again!

Rhonda Crane

New Business

Sunday Morning building rentals at Camp Bandy. Heather Varco opened the floor for discussion regarding the organization of Timber Ridge's rental of Camp Bandy. There was a lot of discussion regarding the organization. Ideas were given on better accommodation for every member's needs.

Beth Knotts moved that during the Timber Ridge rental of Camp Bandy there will always be part of the arena set for obedience along with a sign-up for each Sunday to rotate the responsibility of the agility course to set up. She also added that she would organize a binder of agility courses to keep at Camp Bandy in case the person who is in charge that week needs ideas for courses. This new sign up for responsibility will begin in December. Bud Schuh seconded. The Motion Passed.

Guests. Jared and Linda Redfield were present for their first meeting. They have five dogs, of which Reba and Gabby were present at the meeting. Heidi Sorensen attended her first meeting; she has a sheltie named Ranger. Marla Schultz was also attending her first meeting along with her Lab mix Sheba. Tiffany Moser was another guest attending her first meeting. Tiffany is interested in perhaps adopting a dog but currently only has cats. Sandy Loomans also attended her first meeting. She has an American Water Spaniel and a Doberman. Lynn Ott attended her second meeting she has a collie named Lassie. Carol Lang attended her second meeting; she has a rottweiler named Monte.

New Members. Lorah Marquardt moved that we dispense of the secret ballot. Bud Schuh seconded. Motion Passed. Members voted to accept new members:

Carol and Merle Lang
E2365 Larson Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981
(715) 258-9369
Have a mixed breed dog named Monty.

Lynn Ott
409 N. 11th Street
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 848-1204
Has a Rough Collie named Lassie.

Welcome, Carol, Merle, and Lynn!

Lorah Marquardt moved to adjourn the meeting and Bud Schuh seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Varco
Acting Secretary

Board Meeting

Laurie Bandy called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Attending: Laurie Bandy, VerJean Smith, Beth Knotts, Kathe Carter, Cheryl Brimmer

Treasurer's Report

VerJean reported that we have \$7,216.86 in checking and \$5,929.36 in savings.

Donation was made to the Marathon County Humane Society (per last month's directive) for spay / neuter - \$75.00.

Old Business

Christmas Party. Bob is working on getting Bakers to open on a Monday. Further details will be in newsletter as soon as Bob gets a call from owners.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathe Carter, typed by Cheryl Brimmer, forwarded by Laurie Bandy, received by Karlene Ferrante, sniffed by Smoke.

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From Lorah Marquardt: Henry placed third in Excellent B Jumpers, and qualified in Excellent B Standard, for his second double Q, on Saturday at the Timber Ridge agility trial. On Sunday, he took third place in Excellent B Jumpers.

Linda Redfield and German Shepherd Gabby took fourth place in Open Jumpers with Weaves at Timber Ridge on Saturday, and first place in Open Jumpers with Weaves on Sunday.

Heather Varco's Hellomynameis Charlie (aka Charlie) NA CGC finished his Novice Agility Title at the Oshkosh Kennel Club trial in October.

Ruby (Oakridge Ruby Red Tuesday) and Sue Fecht report Ruby completed her MX title November 9th at the TRACCW

trial at Camp Bandy. It was their goal to "do it at home". MANY thanks go out to Laurie B. for showing them the way to a great passion!

On Friday, My Scotty,(officially Ch. Aftershock Foxfire Plaid Lad OA NAJ) received an invitation to the AKC Eukanuba National Invitational Dog Show to be held in December in Orlando, Florida! The entries to this show are by invitation only, and are restricted to dogs included in the top twenty-five of their Breed (based on the number of dogs defeated in Best of Breed competition) and winners of Best in Show as of October 7,2002. This is the big show that is televised on Animal Planet, and my little boy is eligible to go! This is quite an accomplishment, as I have not "campaigned" Scotty heavily, he is owner handled, and he was able to finish his OA, and pick up another leg on his OAJ during the same time frame. Some of the dogs that will be there go to shows every weekend, and their owners spend a fortune for professional handlers! Time and financial considerations will keep us from attending, but to me the important thing is that he got the invitation. I am so proud of my boy!!!

From Kris Punke: On Saturday, November 9th at Timber Ridge's Agility Trial at Camp Bandy, Hirdler Hill's Lightning (Sadie) qualified for her 1st leg in Standard Novice Preferred with a 3rd place finish. On Sunday November 10 at Camp Bandy, she qualified for her 2nd leg in Standard Novice Preferred with another 3rd place finish.

In addition, at the TRDTC trial on Sat. Nov. 9th, Scotty qualified in 24" Open JWW with a clean run and 2nd place for his OAJ title. He also had a clean run and 2nd place in 24" Excellent A.

--Mary Ann Ralston

Ellen Hardin reports that Miranda (AM/CAN CH Ariell Celestial Sea Change TD MX MXJ) has completed two new titles: Canadian championship and her MXJ at the Timber Ridge agility trial.

Berry (CH Ariell's Solomon's Seal AX, OAJ)earned a couple of MX legs and an AXJ leg.

BB (Am/CAN CH Ariell's Bluebells MX MXJ) now has a few more MACH points. I'm proud of my guys!

On Sat.Nov.9th @ the Timber Ridge trial @ Camp Bandy-UKC-CDX AG11 Silvercreek Hav Gun Wil Travl CDX-MX-MXJ-TDIA-V (Gunner-Border Terrier) got a double Q-taking a 2nd place in Exc.B JWW & a third place in Std.Exc.B. Then on Sun.Nov.10th he again qualified in Exc.JWW with another 2nd place finish. Gunner is owned by Bud & Kathy Schuh. Handled by Kathy.

Samoyed Chelestina's Cinnabar, AX, AXJ (Sasha) qualified for his fifth leg in Excellent B Jumpers on Nov. 9 at Camp Bandy, with a fourth place finish.

Congratulations to all!

Our club building in Mosinee is available for the use of club member at these times. If you use the building at any other time, you need to pay Chuck \$3.00 per hour. Please sign in whenever you come.

Timber Ridge Building dates for December

Second Monday after 12:00: December 9

Tuesdays after 12:00 noon: December 3, 10, 17, 24

Thursdays after 12:00: December 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturdays all day: December 7, 14, 21, 28

Our Time at Camp Bandy

The training building at Camp Bandy is available for the use of club members twice each month, on the first and third Sundays.

December 1 9:30-11:30 a.m.

December 15 9:30-11:30 a.m.

NEW DOG BREEDS! (from Cheryl Brimmer)

Collie + Lhasa Apso: Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz + Chow Chow: Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot

Pointer + Setter: Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet

Great Pyrenees + Dachshund: Pyradachs, a puzzling breed

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso: Peekasso, an abstract dog

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel: Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever: Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists

Newfoundland + Basset Hound: Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bulldog: Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador: Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer: Moot Point, owned by.... oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Deerhound + Terrier: Derriere, a dog that's true to the end

Bull Terrier + ShihTzu: Oh, never mind....

We'd like to hear from you!

I invite readers to write about your adventures in training and showing your dogs. Timber Ridge members have a lot of great experience and wisdom—not to mention interesting stories—so here's your opportunity to share! If we get a good response, I'd like to include one such feature each month. Thanks to Caroline Weil for sending us a story about her first AKC herding trial.

My First AKC Herding Trial: Started Course A Ducks

I usually like to go and observe a class that I have never competed in, before I enter a trial. However this trial was different. There are not many AKC herding trials in our area (two to be exact), only one in the spring and one in the fall. This trial was in September, and I knew that if I didn't

enter it, I would have to wait until the following year (June) for another chance.

We don't get much opportunity to work ducks. Most people don't keep them (they are a real pain) so my Border collie, Rubi, had probably only seen them a handful of times when I decided to enter this trial.

The trial was held at a beautiful farm near Lakeville, MN. We had entered both sheep and ducks, and had a total of two duck runs and three sheep runs over the course of the weekend.

Our first run was on sheep and it went very well, we ended up winning the started class and taking high in trial.

Our next run was again on sheep and it was a disaster! I sent my dog and she did a nice outrun like she always does, but these sheep took off like deer, and flew past me up to the end of the pen. That was the beginning of the end of that run. By the time Rubi finally convinced the sheep to stay with me and complete the rest of the course, we had already NQ'd. I came out of the pen pretty flustered, confused about what had just happened and questioning how I had (or hadn't) handled the run.

I immediately had to go over and do ducks. Great, I hadn't even had time to watch one single duck run. We entered the duck pen with my heart still pounding, my hands still shaking, and I am sure I was not using my normal voice. I set Rubi up for the outrun, they released the five brown ducks and I sent my dog.

When she came up behind the ducks to bring them to me, two split off to one side, and three split off in the opposite direction. Oh God, I thought, what in the world do I do now? First we tried to put the two ducks back with the other three. That did not work, no matter how or what my dog and I did, those two ducks had no intention of joining their other three friends.

By this time I was sure that I had used up at least half of our allotted ten minutes to complete the course, and we hadn't even gotten to the first obstacle yet! OK, I thought, then we will try to put the three ducks back with the other two. Rubi maneuvered the three obliging ducks over to the two renegades and miraculously; it worked, the five ducks finally stayed together.

Feeling like any minute the whistle would blow, we headed for the first obstacle, around the handlers post, over to the "Y" chute, through the "Z" chute and the straight chute. The ducks were working like a dream, all five together in single file, all going through each and every one of the obstacles. We made the turn at #5, and it was me that rushed the cross-drive through those last panels but I couldn't help it, I just wanted to get out of there! Only three of the five ducks went through the last obstacle but at that point I didn't care, I was sure our opening had blown the run and now my goal was to just finish on a good note for my dog who had worked so very hard. We re-penned the five ducks, the run was over, and Rubi and I wasted no time getting out of the arena.

Later that day, I was heading up to the awards (ALWAYS go to awards and congratulate the winners even if

you NQ) and someone yelled to me "hey Caroline, I think you won something". Hmm... I thought, must be a raffle. I got up to the crowd just in time to see the duck judge pull out the blue ribbon for first place in started, and the rosette for high in trial ducks AND HAND THEM TO ME!!!!

I was shocked, I couldn't believe it, and our run had started out so badly! The judge went on to tell everyone that the group of ducks I had drawn had been miserable for every single dog & handler at the trial. Rubi and I were the only team out of all of the classes that day that could get them together and keep them together.

I give all of the credit for my herding success to my dog Rubi, who always seems to do the right thing, even when I tell her to do the wrong thing. I have come to completely trust her judgment when it comes to stock. She is never in the wrong place, and when things go badly it is always my fault.

That trial was over a year ago, and Rubi and I have a lot more experience working ducks now. We have learned that there are good ducks as well as bad ducks, and on any given day the good ducks can make for a bad run and the bad ducks can make for a good run. One thing is for certain; I will never forget that first time in the duck arena and those five dark brown ducks that just didn't want to cooperate.

Caroline Weil

If you have items, announcements, cartoons, items for sale or swap, a training story, or brags for the newsletter, please send them to Karlene Ferrante at 1324 Portage Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or email to kferrante@uwsp.edu.